ted against the purchase of 'VIM' cleaning powder instead of the Farishta's Cadet cleaning powder which is a prodcct of small scale industry;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) the steps taken to advise Government departments to buy the produce of small scale industry particularly those exclusively reserved for them, such as clelaning powder; and

(d) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Government Departments have been advised to adhere to the provisions of the Government's purchase policy in regard to products reserved for exclusive purchase from Small Scale Sector.

Release of subsidy on transport

1549. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not so far released the subsidy on transport to various States;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for blocking the release of this subsidy;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh had requested for release of Rs. 24 crores (approx.) since 1977 which is due to it;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the State Government released Rupees three crores as transport subsidy which has not yet been reimbursed by the Central Government; and

(e) if so, what steps are being taken to release this subsidy for the interest of entrepreneurs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. Full amount of subsidy has not been reimbursed to some of the beneficiary States.

(b) Deficiencies were found in the claims submitted by some of the State Govts./Union Territories. Also, the funds are inadequate.

(c) The Transport Subsidy Scheme works on reimbursement basis, a sum of Rs. 4.92 crores (approx) has so far been reimbursed to the State Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh. Claims amounting to Rs. 24 crores (approx.) have been returned as these have not been disbursed by the State Govt. to the industrial units.

(d) The State Govt. has sent claims for reimbursement of about Rs. 3 crores. Approximately Rs. 47 lakhs have been reimbursed to the State out of this claim. For the rest of the amount clarifications have been sought from the State Govt. which are still awaited.

(e) State Govt. have been asked to expedite clarifications. Efforts are also being made for additional allocation of funds under the Transport Subsidy Scheme.

Properties of TAFCO

1550. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated value of moveable and immoveable properties of the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited.

(b) whether it is a fact the company has more than Rs. 100 crores worth of immoveable properties;

(c) whether the management has been unable to utilise them; and

(d) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The estimated

value of moveable and immoveable properties of TAFCO is about Rs. 6.20 crores and Rs. 150.00 crores respectively.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Title Deeds of most of the immoveable properties on TAFCO have not been transferred to the Corporation by the British India Corporation (BIC). as these are pledged with SBI.

Indigenous newsprint manufacturing Industry

1551. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been frequent increases in the price of newsprint by indigenous manufacturers of the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the indigenous manufacturers of newsprint are running in loss;

(c) whether Government propose to inquire into their problems to improve their production and working; and

(d) if so, by when such action is proposed to be taken and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) A statement on the increase in the price of newsprint by the major newsprint mills in Public Sector during the last three years is attached (*See* below).

(b) Some of the major indigenous manufacturers of newsprint in Public Sector viz. M/s. NEPA Ltd. and M/s. Mysore Paper Mills Ltd. are running in loss.

(c) and (d). Suitable steps are taken by the Government on the problems faced by the indigenous manufacturers of Newsprint as and when required, to help the industry.

Statement

Increase in price of News print by Major Newsprint Mills

Name of the Mill	Date of Increase	Price Increase (Rs. per MT)
1	2	3
Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL)	29·05·1992	1000
	20.06.1993	500
	10.10.1994	1430
	07.12·1994	1530
3	25·02·1995	2475
The Mysore Paper Mills Limited (MPM)	21·05·1992	1040
	24·11·1992	922
	07·10·1994	1523
	10.12.1994	1200
	15·02·1995	2250
Hindustan Newsprint Limited (HNL)	20.05.1992	1000
	21.06·1993	1000
	10·10·1994	1300
	12·12·1994	1150
	21·02.1995	2500